

5th Grade Informational/Explanatory Writing Prompt

Directions to the Student

After you finish your prewriting activity, write your paper in the space provided. You may use a standard dictionary, thesaurus, or grammar handbook to check your paper for correctness.

Please refer to the writer's checklist as you are writing your response to the prompt.

Writer's Checklist

- ☐ My paper has an effective beginning, middle, and end.
- ☐ My paper includes effective use of paragraphing.
- ☐ My paper stays on the topic.
- ☐ My paper flows smoothly from one idea to another.
- ☐ My paper contains a strong controlling idea.
- ☐ My paper includes specific and relevant details, reasons, and examples.
- ☐ My paper uses precise and vivid language.
- ☐ My paper contains sentences that are clear and varied in structure.
- ☐ My paper includes correct grammar/usage, punctuation, capitalization, and spelling.

Writing Prompt

In school teachers often explain the importance of organization. Think about what ideas your teachers have shared with you to keep organized at school.

Write an informational/explanatory essay to a younger student about how to get organized and how s/he might stay that way. Include facts, details, and precise language as they are appropriate in your writing.